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# The Father Knows Best

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## Isaiah

Isaiah 44-45

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# Detectives looking for Eschatological Evidences in Isaiah

Tribulation and Kingdom Truth



**Continuing**



**Isaiah 44:1**

# Common Reassurances

“You are Mine!”



## Hope in Isaiah 44

- <sup>1</sup>“But now listen, O Jacob, My servant, And Israel, whom I have chosen:
- <sup>2</sup>Thus says the Lord who made you And formed you from the womb, who will help you, ‘Do not fear, O Jacob My servant; And you Jeshurun (form of Jerusalem) whom I have chosen. Isaiah 44:1–2

# Hope in Isaiah 44 Kingdom Promises

## The Eschaton

- <sup>3</sup>‘For I will pour out water on the thirsty land And streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring And My blessing on your descendants;
- <sup>4</sup>And they will spring up among the grass Like poplars by streams of water.’ Isaiah 44:3–4



Ezek 36:<sup>24</sup>“For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land.

<sup>25</sup>“Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

<sup>26</sup>“Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

<sup>27</sup>“I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

# Hope in Isaiah 44

- 5“**This (anyone) one will say, ‘I am the Lord’s’; And that one will call on the name of Jacob; And another will write on his hand, ‘Belonging to the Lord,’ And will name Israel’s name with honor. Isaiah 44:5**

I am the Lord's (Hebrew)





# Creates a Statement to the World

- “For some people, tattoos are a way to make a statement to the world. They use their body as a canvas to communicate their beliefs, and they want everyone to know it. For instance, a man with a tattoo that reads, “I am my god.” This is a clear statement of his atheism, and it sends a message to anyone who sees it.”
- **Ed: We have the opposite in this tattoo!**
- <https://untamedscience.com/blog/the-psychology-of-tattoos-what-do-they-say-about-you/>

## Hope in Isaiah 44 The Dynasty of David is Alive in Isaiah's Time

- <sup>6</sup>“Thus says the Lord, the King (metaphorical or a prolepsis) of Israel and his Redeemer, (prolepsis) Lord of hosts: ‘I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me.
- <sup>7</sup>“Who is like Me? ~~Let him~~ proclaim and declare it; Yes, let him recount it to Me in order, From the time that I established the ancient nation. And let them declare to them the things that are coming And the events that are going to take place.” Isaiah 44:6–8

<sup>8</sup>Bring out the people who are blind, even though they have eyes, And the deaf, even though they have ears. <sup>9</sup>All the nations have gathered together So that the peoples may be assembled. [Q.] Who among them can declare this And proclaim to us the former things? Let them present their witnesses that they may be justified, Or let them hear and say, (they made a good prophecy) “It is true.” Isaiah 43:8–9

# Hope in Isaiah 44

- 8‘Do not tremble and do not be afraid; Have I not long since (long ago) announced it to you and declared it? (The entire exodus and migration event)
- And you are My witnesses.
- Is there any God besides Me,
  - Or is there any other Rock?
  - I know of none.’ ”Isaiah 44:6–8

# Claims to Exclusivity-Repeated Claim

- And there will be **none after Me**. (Is 43:10–13).
- And there is **none** who can deliver out of My hand (Is 43:13).
- Is there any God besides Me,
- I know of **none**.’ ”(Is 44:8).
- Surely, God is with you, and there is **none** else,(Is 45:14).
- No other God I am the Lord, and ether is **none** else (Is 45:18)
- A righteous God and a Savior;
- There is **none** except Me (Is 45:21).
- Additional claims there is **no other God**.





**No Other God  
but—  
for the one in  
the tree!**

**They Fall Down  
and Worship Wood**

**Isaiah 44:9-20**



# The Contest of the Fools

- Can we frame it any better than a block of word against the God who made the wood in the first place.
- How proud are the idol makers and their craft.
- Remember the silver craftsmen at Ephesus and Diana whom they defended for hours on end declaring their allegiance to a piece of fancy dirt.



## Contrasting the Idols with no Power Examples of the Prolepsis Uses—in the Kingdom

- **Present and Future redemption:** <sup>21</sup>“Remember these things, O Jacob, And Israel, for you are My servant; I have formed you, you are My servant, O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me.
- <sup>22</sup>“I have wiped (prolepsis use) out your transgressions like a thick cloud And your sins like a heavy mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.” (prolepsis use)
- **A prolepsis look into the Kingdom:** <sup>23</sup>Shout for joy, O heavens, for the Lord has done it! Shout joyfully, you lower parts of the earth; Break forth into a shout of joy, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it; For the Lord has redeemed (prolepsis) Jacob And in Israel He shows forth His glory. Isaiah 44:21–23

# Contrasting the Idols with no Power

- <sup>24</sup>Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, “I, the Lord, am the maker of all things, Stretching out the heavens by Myself And spreading out the earth all alone,
- <sup>25</sup>Causing the omens of boasters to fail, Making fools out of diviners, Causing wise men to draw back And turning their knowledge into foolishness,  
Isaiah 44:24–25

# Contrasting the Idols with no Power

The Eschaton

- A look into the Kingdom: <sup>26</sup>Confirming the word of His servant And performing the purpose of His messengers. It is I who says of Jerusalem, 'She shall be inhabited!' And of the cities of Judah, 'They shall be built.' And I will raise up her ruins again.
- <sup>27</sup>"It is I who says to the depth of the sea, 'Be dried up!' And I will make your rivers dry. Isaiah 44:26–27

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# Interpreting Isaiah

- I have noted that Isaiah is a “repeating messages” book.
- There are paragraphs, sentences or words that puzzle us for many reasons. One help is that Isaiah is self-interpreting. Two or more passages on the same event. Each explains it in additional ways.
- After my two lessons discrediting the imaginary spiritual kingdom(s)— I said if we do this we make our interpretation life much easier.
- The point is that when we come to passages that puzzle us we do not resort to some kind of spiritual meaning escaping the literal sense.



# Interpreting Isaiah

- Here in Isaiah 44:27 is such an example. “<sup>27</sup>“It is I who says to the depth of the sea, ‘Be dried up!’ And I will make your rivers dry.  
Isaiah 44:26–27—remember Rev. 21:1?
- Stated earlier: “I will lay waste the mountains and hills And wither all their vegetation; I will make the rivers into coastlands And dry up the ponds.  
Isaiah 42:15
- Also coming 50:2— Behold, I dry up the sea with My rebuke.
- Self interpretation keeping the literal sense. The sea disappears in Reveal 21:1 we have that interpretation confirmed at least three times in Isaiah. 44:27, “It is I who says to the depth of the sea, ‘Be dried up!’

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- **Life is simple if sea means sea!**  
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# A Close Look at the Flood Event

- Gen. 7:11 "In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the **fountains of the great deep burst open**, and the floodgates of the sky were opened."
- The deep earth is the source of the water for the flood. The flooded earth was a destructive judgment. But then the water receded into the oceans we have today,



# There is no Sea!

- Now the earth's surface is  $\frac{2}{3}$  water. It reminds us of the flood judgment every time we encounter it.
- The great mountains and valleys were formed in the runoff phase of the flood event.
- We have said we are standing on an earth that bears the marks of global judgment.
- But in the Eschaton these reminders of judgment will be removed—in the restoration. It is completely reasonable that the water that destroyed the earth will be sent back from whence it came—in simple terms the sea is dried up at the word of the Lord.

# Life Made More Simple

- Many commentators have suggested spiritual meanings to Rev. 21:1 “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.”
- Of course most see Rev. 21:1 in the “eternal state” (after 1000 yrs) and miss the truth that ‘no sea’ is already a reality in the Kingdom as Isaiah presents it.

By rejecting Rev. 21:1 as a kingdom passage they make a second mistake, of not being able to visualize an earth without a sea, so they go to spiritualizing “the sea” as humanity. Isaiah will tell us three times that the sea is dried up in the Kingdom.

Nuff said! 🧐



# Life Made More Simple

- To escape this defeating argument commentators suggest that the texts in Isaiah go back and forth between the Kingdom and the “eternal state.”
- But this emasculates the text of its meaning. WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS is at the heart of prophecy.
- Then to add insult to injury the commentators say that the **New Testament interprets the Old Testament** all this to accommodate Augustine who lives rent free in the minds of those who spiritualize the text.

# New Testament Interprets the Old Testament?

- Dispensationalists say: No! The New Testament does not interpret the O. T. I used this principle in the last two weeks in defense of the Davidic Dynastic Kingdom.
- I did not need (I did cite some verses in N.T.) the New Testament to explain the Davidic Kingdom—the NT adds nothing of substance. We learn of Mary and Joseph, the life of Jesus etc.. but—the nature of the kingdom of the Old Testament remains intact.
- My author did use the NT! He attempted to make Jesus change the nature of the Kingdom in his earthly ministry—making it a spiritual one.
- But there is no reason (revealed) for Jesus to inaugurate a spiritual kingdom when He is the (elect) King, son of David of the Kingdom.



# Life is Easier keeping the Literal Sense of the Text

**We have an anchor that holds us from drifting**



**'Do not fear, O Jacob My servant; And  
you Jeshurun whom I have chosen.  
Isaiah 44:1–2**

- If Israel would look to the past where this promise was in full display in the world they would recall the Exodus event.
- The ten plagues on Egypt were announced to Pharaoh. The Egyptians suffered under his intransigence. But that was about 1000 years ago.
- Now to make the point that there is no other—the Lord will make a prediction that will take a few generations to see completed. The prediction of Cyrus. Known as Cyrus the Great—great because of God's favor on him.



# ***The Last Verse of 44***

# Contrasting the Idols with no Power

- In the coming 8<sup>th</sup> generation—they will see this:  
28“[It is I who says of [1] Cyrus, ‘He is My shepherd! And he will perform all My desire.’
- And he declares of Jerusalem,
  - [2] ‘She will be built,’
  - [3] And of the temple, [Second Temple of Ezra]
    - ‘Your foundation will be laid.’ ” Isaiah 44:28

# Isaiah 45

# Historical/Prophetic Cyrus the Great

- Time c. 700 b.c. of prophecy—160 yrs before Cyrus.
- The Lord has repeatedly made the point that he can tell the future before it happens.
  - Kinds of prophecy has 1) events and 2) dates. Here just the event is without a date. But as “risky” A NAME.
  - Here is God’s typical claim—
- We saw: “Have I not long since announced it to you and declared it? And you are My witnesses.” Isaiah 44:6–8  
(Historical Israel has seen these events. Think of the Exodus—the plagues of Egypt).



# Historical/Prophetic Cyrus the Great

- We also saw: The Lord has made the claim that only He can tell of events coming unlike the <sup>25</sup>...boasters [who] fail, [He] Making fools out of diviners, Causing wise men to draw back And turning their knowledge into foolishness, Isaiah 44:24–25
- <sup>1</sup>Thus says the Lord to Cyrus (say by 539 b.c.) His anointed, Whom I have taken by the right hand, To subdue nations before him And to loose the loins of kings; To open doors before him so that gates will not be shut:
- <sup>2</sup>“I will go before you (Cyrus) and make the rough places smooth; I will shatter the doors of bronze and cut through their iron bars. Isaiah 45:1–2 (Literal sense or a spiritual sense—likely a mix of both.)

# Historical/Prophetic Cyrus the Great

- We have in Cyrus a great example of a prophecy and its fulfillment—even in our day!
- So clear and devastating is this prophecy that those who do not tolerate a sovereign God, make all kinds of adjustments to the text to make it historical—written after the reign of Cyrus.
- The prediction is so precise that no “diviner” could have been so accurate—to the point of giving his name 150+ years before his birth. (No innuendo or allusion)

# Historical/Prophetic Cyrus the Great

- The ability to know the future is “reserved” for those who function in the supernatural.
- This is evident for all humanity. If someone suggests that they can know the future, by some quirk have been right about one thing the world will beat a path to his front door.
- This was particular true in the 20<sup>th</sup> century before they were discarded. Jean Dixon, Edgar Casey,

**Joan Quigley**  
**The Brahan Seer**  
**Nostradamus**  
**Cassandra**  
**Pythia**  
**Edgar Cayce**  
**The Amazing Criswell**



# Joan Quigley

- “After Ronald Reagan nearly followed in Caesar's assassinated footsteps in 1981, Nancy Reagan sought the advice of psychic Joan Quigley, whom she had met on The Merv Griffin Show several years earlier.
- According to Time, no Presidential appearance was made without first consulting Quigley to see if stars aligned or not. For instance, "For the Reagan-Gorbachev Washington summit, she cast the charts of both men and determined that 2 p.m. on Dec. 8, 1987, was the most propitious moment for them to sign the intermediate-range nuclear forces treaty.
- At Nancy's behest, the entire summit was built around that hour." When the news broke that the Reagans were using a psychic, the activity was quickly hushed up.
- <https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/24204/quick-10-10-famous-soothsayers>

# Edgar Cayce

- “Cayce was a renowned seer who made his predictions by lying down and entering a trance-like state. While he was in his trance, people would be invited to ask him questions about their future, specifically about their health.
- Cayce theorized that the unconscious mind had access to all kinds of information the conscious mind didn't. He made more than 20,000 predictions during the period that he was en vogue, from the early 20th century to his death in 1944.
- His predictions included things that happened (the Great Depression and Hitler) and things that have yet to happen (California crumbling into the ocean; the discovery of Atlantis).”
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- **It is clear that with the failure of all soothsayers who function from their own limited knowledge are good guessers or just plain “lucky”— like a stopped clock telling the correct time twice a day — but since there is a yearning for a knowledge of the future, anyone with some success will function as an authority as in a life as Nancy Reagan.**

# So What to do with Cyrus' Prediction?

- The task of the skeptic—the prophet must be silenced.
- For if the prophetic voice is not silenced it must be obeyed! We are in divine territory. As we said predicting the future belongs to the supernatural realm. All agree!
- Therefore the prediction (Isaiah) **MUST BE MADE FALSE, CLAIMING** it was **WRITTEN LATTER** after the **HISTORICAL CYRUS** say after 500 b. c.



# Tamper with the Text

- But to do that is to ignore clear evidence in the text that the Israel (Judah) was not in exile while Isaiah was written.
- In any case, what Isaiah recorded is a prophecy no matter what scholarly construction is offered.
- My commentary by Gary Smith deals with these “set-aside-prophecy-arguments” which may be interesting but are not worthy in our time.

# **Incredible Prophecy**

**A leader of a foreign nation—by name!**

**Thus far—**